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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Claims 1-6 are drawn to the method of molding a bearing housing, classified in class 264, and subclass 328.1.
- Claim 7 is drawn to the mold of the bearing housing, classified in class
 425, subclass 542.
- III. Claim 8 is drawn to the structure of the bearing housing within a motor, classified in class 310, subclass 91.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

- 1. Inventions of Group I and Group III are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the method of molding the bearing housing can be made of materially different product such as plastic, thermoplastic polymer, polyethylene, or elastomers.
- 2. Inventions Group I and Group II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention of Group I

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has separate utility such as that the method of molding the bearing housing in which a predetermined resin material is introduced in a molten sate into the cavity to effect molding of the bearing housing. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Heba Elkassabgi whose telephone number is (703) 305-2723. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:30-3:30), and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nestor Ramirez can be reached on (703) 308-1371. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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